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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for monitoring accesses to a resource in an electronic system, wherein access to the resource is based on payments in electronic security value units, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting patterns of payments for said resource in electronic security value units; and

comparing said patterns of payments to predetermined patterns of payment.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

determining a difference in the compared patterns of payments to said

predetermined patterns of payment,

wherein when said difference is greater than a predetermined difference, an attack is indicated.